

### **Fire Department**

New recruit Firefighters advance a hose line on a vehicle fire as part of their training under the direction of Captain Dennis Gardner. Two senior firefighters, pictured in foreground, are the standby team in case of an unforeseen issue in the training evolution. This first live fire training was conducted at the Fort Drum facility with the cooperation of the Fort Drum Fire Department. The recruit class graduation is tentatively set for May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 p.m.



## Flower Memorial Library

The Watertown City School District will be having an art show at the Flower Library on Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The Library is proud to host this art show, which features artwork from students in kindergarten through sixth grade. The art work will remain on display at the library until May 3<sup>rd</sup>.





### **Parks and Recreation**

The Figure Skating Club of Watertown has their annual Figure Skating Show on Saturday, April  $6^{th}$  at the Watertown Municipal Arena.







The Watertown Wolves have games this Friday and Saturday night this weekend. Puck drops at 7:30 p.m. for both games.







Sunday Softball registration ends this Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. Currently, seven teams have signed up; however, more are expected to turn in their rosters on Friday.

Youth Baseball (10U & 13U) registration begins Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Participants can sign up online via the City website, or they can contact the Parks and Recreation Office to complete their registration.





## **Planning Department**

## **Huntington Street Sidewalk Reconstruction**

Phase 4 sidewalk reconstruction along Huntington Street began Tuesday with the excavation of approximately 850 feet of dilapidated sidewalk and a 255 foot decayed retaining wall. The recently excavated walk between Lee Street and Central Street is now framed and ready for concrete. This CDBG funded project will upgrade retaining walls along the 700 block of Huntington Street between Lee Street and McCelland Street.



## **Census Complete Count Committee**

City and County Staff collaborated to hold the first meeting of our local Complete Count Committee on April 1, 2019. Representatives from the Watertown Urban Mission, Community Action Planning Council (CAPC) and Fort Drum also attended. The group discussed various traditionally undercounted groups, such as children and the homeless population, as well as the Census Bureau's new rules for counting deployed soldiers in the County where their post is located. The group also watched relevant portions of a national press conference that the U.S. Census Bureau broadcasted earlier that day.

#### **Water Department**

#### **Water Treatment**

The WTP experienced a higher than normal demand from DANC beginning around 20:00 on April 2<sup>nd</sup> that continued into the late morning hours of April 3rd. The plant ran between 9-10 MGD for approximately 7 hours to meet demands and maintain reservoir levels within the City during the heaviest draws.

Water Treatment Plant personnel and engineers from Bernier, Carr & Associates met to prepare for the rehabilitation of the soda ash feed system (capital project).

The Water Treatment Plant staff are working to prepare for the Water Administration staff's relocation to the Water Plant as part of the new courtroom project.



### **Distribution**



City distribution crews repaired a 4" main break on Gill Street.

Distribution crews also repaired a service on Flower Avenue West, made two repairs in basements to incoming services, installed markers to another 150 hydrants, did 45 utility locations, installed 15 meters, and tested 25 meters.

### Wastewater

The Wastewater Treatment plant staff has completed the repairs and replacement of the press hopper conveyors for both units.





Chief Operator Mark Crandall received a letter from the President of NYWEA inviting him to speak at the NYSEA Annual Technical Conference and Exhibition in Saratoga Springs in June. They have asked him to talk about the City of Watertown's Wastewater Treatment Plant Succession Planning. They would also like him to join a panel discussion with larger plant operators at the conference.



Several employees in the Water
Department have completed the eight weeks of 4 hour classes on leadership training conducted at the Wastewater
Treatment facility.



## Hydroelectric

The screen shot below was taken around 7:30 last Friday morning. All three turbines were running, net production was 5128 kWh yielding approximately \$1165/hour. The river flow has increased some and all three turbines continue to run.

